

23 May 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: SA/DCI/IA

SUBJECT: NSPG on Persian Gulf, 24 May 1984

1. You are scheduled to attend an NSPG meeting in the Situation Room, Thursday, 24 May. This will be a principal plus one affair that will be chaired by the President.

2. As I promised, I have had your talking points that were prepared for last week's NSPG on this subject updated. In particular, I have had some paragraphs added on the Soviet factor. These are at TAB A. At TAB B you will find a copy of the paper that Bob Gates disseminated to CPPG principals. It treats the question of likely Soviet reactions to Western military intervention in the region and concludes that inadequacies in Soviet airpower severely limit Soviet options; however, in response to any US attempt to land forces in Iran there is at least an even chance that the Soviets would invoke the 1921 Soviet-Iranian Friendship Treaty to move forces into northwest Iran.



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4. If I can do more to help in preparation for this meeting, please call.



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